

KENTUCKY



State legislatures consider and enact laws that address the administration and use of forensic science by state justice systems. Issues addressed in these measures include the delegation of oversight responsibilities for forensic services, accreditation standards for forensic laboratories, access to post-conviction DNA testing, the collection and analysis of DNA samples from arrested and convicted individuals and procedures for eyewitness identification. Following is information on this state's legislative activity on forensic science issues. More information on forensic science policy from all 50 states and the District of Columbia is available on the NCSL [forensic science page](#).



Administration of State Forensic Services § 17.175

The state administers its forensic services through the Department of Kentucky State Police.

Convicted Offender DNA Analysis § 17.170

People convicted of any felony or sex crime misdemeanor must submit a DNA sample to state officials. Sample collection applies to juveniles.

Post Conviction DNA Analysis § 422.285

The state allows an individual convicted of a capital offense, class A or B felony or a violent offense to apply for post-conviction DNA testing. Their application must raise a reasonable probability that the result of the test will exculpate the individual. Kentucky code has specifications for the preservation of biological evidence.

Sexual Assault Evidence and Backlogs § 216B.400

State standards require training for sexual assault examiners, set protocols for sexual assault evidence submission by law enforcement and set standards for sexual assault evidence collection.
